



## Ronald Wesley Bailey

May 17, 1934 - October 11, 2024

Ronald Wesley Bailey of Cadillac, 90, passed away, October 11, 2024 at Green Acres. He was born May 17, 1934 in Saginaw to Wesley James and Edna Leola (Heath) Bailey.

Ron graduated from Cadillac High School. He worked for 9&10 News as a photographer. He had the unique opportunity of filming the Mackinac Bridge as it was being constructed. He also worked as a wedding photographer before transitioning to the Wedin Corporation where he was in charge of advertising. Most of his career, Ron worked for Employers Insurance of Wausau where he became a branch manager. After retirement, he took great pleasure in caring for family and friends for many years. He was dearly appreciated for buying fresh corn and local asparagus to distribute to neighbors and loved ones.

Ron was an avid golfer. He loved golfing with his children, his beloved grandsons, and best friends, Dave Kennard and Marshall Champion. He cherished his "cabin" buddies who shared his love for hunting and fishing, not to mention cards and a few beers. He prided himself in never missing an opening day of deer or trout season for 60 years at the cabin.

On November 24, 1965 Ron married Colleen McReavy. She survives him along with his children: Debra Uhelski of Grand Blanc, James Bailey (Rene

Steinhouer), Becky (Ken) Stull all of Cadillac; his sister, Judith Asiala of Traverse City; and his grandchildren: Ryan James (Steve Johnson), Amber (Rockland) Lasley, Cory (Valerie) Bailey, Brandalyn (Rich) Randolph, Jeremy (Kristi) Stull and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sister and her husband, Betty (Jack) Reamer; brother-in-law, Larry Asiala and son-in-law, Michael Uhelski.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM, Thursday October 17, 2024 at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan Cadillac Chapter or Alzheimer's Association of Michigan. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services  
205 East Cass Street  
Cadillac, MI 49601

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ron used to sneak chocolate to my Dad, Durrell "Herb" Holland, who preceded him at Green Acres. It was always a delight to see Ron and talk with him. I bought my one and only life insurance policy from him. He was a good friend to the Holland Family.

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**Kelly OLeary** - October 22, 2024 at 12:27 PM

MH

“ One of the kindest and funniest humans I had the pleasure to have met.

*Rest in peace my friend.*

*--Mike Holland*

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**Mike Holland** - October 22, 2024 at 12:02 PM

JB

“ Sorry to hear about Ron. He was a good friend to my dad, Marshall Champion for many years. They worked together at Wausau and that friendship grew. I can remember their many trips to the cabin to go hunting and fishing and while there they always ate well and played lots of card. Ron will definitely be missed by his family and friends. Judy Champion Bouma

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**Judy Champion Bouma** - October 14, 2024 at 08:50 PM

CP

*We definitely miss him, as we ate meals together. The empty table is heartbreaking. So thankful to still have Colleen to brighten our day.*

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**Carlton and Shelby Plyler** - October 16, 2024 at 09:40 PM

BS

“ *BRUCE AND LINDA STULL purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Ronald Wesley Bailey.*



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**BRUCE AND LINDA STULL** - October 14, 2024 at 10:44 AM

KK

“ *Sending you my deepest condolences and warm hugs during this heartbreaking time. I will always remember Ron and my Grandpa's shenanigans. They sure had fun on Wednesday golf nights over the years. When they were together laughter was heard.*

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**Kenda Kennard** - October 14, 2024 at 09:48 AM